

The Gant County Fiscal Court met in Special Session on Monday, January 09, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. at the Grant County Courthouse in Williamstown, Kentucky 41097, with Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, Present; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Present; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Present, and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, Present and Presiding.

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Magistrate Messer opened in prayer. Judge Link then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present were: Bernard Mardis-Cable TV, James Perkins, Sarah Adams-Grant County News, Sheriff Randall Middleton and County Clerk Judy Fortner.

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Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Kenny Messer it is hereby ordered to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2005, meeting as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Claims in the General Expense Fund, Road Fund and Jail Fund for the month of January, 2006, along with the transfers needed to pay said claims. He asked if there were any questions about them.

Motion of Patricia Conrad and seconded by Kenny Messer it is hereby ordered to approve Claims No. 01-0730 thru 01-0778 in the amount of \$148,230.07 paid out of the General Expense Fund; Claims No. 02-0238 thru 02-0254 in the amount of \$31,109.84 paid out of the Road Fund; and Claims No. 03-0295 thru 03-0304 in the amount of \$22,967.24 paid out of the Jail Fund, for the month of January, 2006, along with the transfers presented to pay said claims.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell L. Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judy Fortner, Grant County Clerk, was present to present her Office Budget for Calendar Year 2006, and to also present her Salary Budget for Deputy County Clerks for Calendar Year 2006. They are as follows: Discussion was held.

Motion of Kenny Messer and seconded by Patricia Conrad it is hereby ordered to approve the Office Budget of Judy Fortner, County Clerk for Grant County, Kentucky, for Calendar Year 2006 as presented, and to also approve the Annual Standing Order setting the Salaries for the Deputy County Clerks of Grant County, Kentucky, in the Maximum amount of \$361,470.75, for Calendar Year 2006, as presented by Judy Fortner, Grant County Clerk, said amount to include all salaries and fringe benefits.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Randall Middleton, Sheriff of Grant County, Kentucky, was present to present his Office Budget for Calendar Year 2006, and to also present his Salary Budget for all Deputies for Calendar Year 2006. They are as follows: Sheriff Middleton is requesting the same Salaries as last year. General discussion was held. Judge Link explained that the Sheriff's Office is a Fee Office and a budget must be set each Calendar Year per KRS Statutes, but he explained that Sheriff Middleton has elected to include his budget in the overall county budget and these figures will be looked at when putting that budget together. He also explained that the Salaries set also include all benefits for the Deputies. Sheriff Middleton stated that there are 21 Deputies including himself, and 16 are Road

Deputies. He also updated on the Grant money that he applies for to run his office and to pay some of the Salaries.

Motion of Patricia Conrad and seconded by Kenny Messer it is hereby ordered to approve the Office Budget of Randall Middleton, Sheriff of Grant County, Kentucky, for Calendar Year 2006 as presented, and to further approve the Annual Standing Order setting the Salaries for the Deputy Sheriffs of Grant County, Kentucky, in the Maximum amount of \$1,225,000.00 for Calendar Year 2006, as presented by Randall Middleton, Sheriff of Grant County, Kentucky, said amount to include all Salaries, State Incentive Pay and Fringe Benefits.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented the Building Inspector's Report for December 2005. No action is required. It is as follows: He also presented the Road Supervisor's Report for December. No action is required. It is as follows: Judge Link commented on the good weather that we have been having which helps on the cost for purchasing Materials for Road Maintenance as well as savings on the cost for oil and gas for heating purposes. He also presented the Canine Control Officer's Report for October thru December 2005. No action is required. It is as follows: Magistrate Conrad stated that she is happy to see the numbers up on the dogs and cats adopted from the Shelter and that this is a good thing. Judge Link stated that he is happy to see them up also. He updated on his conversation with the Pendleton and Owen County Judge/Executives and asked them if they were sending all of their animals here to our nice facility since they said that they did not have a problem in their counties with animals. He stated to the Magistrates that he appreciated

their support in the care for these animals. It is a decision that they didn't have to make, but they did and he was glad they made it.

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Judge Link opened up discussion for the "Good of the County". He said that anyone could address the Court at this time and asked the Magistrates if they had anything to report. No one had any comments. Judge Link expressed his condolences to the Jason Bishop Family who had given his life in service to his country. He expressed that he hoped we would all take the time to remember not only his sacrifice but all of the sacrifices that have been made on behalf of our Armed Forces to keep our Country free, and one way he feels to take pride in our country and show this gratitude is to go and vote when we have the opportunity to do so and that is one of those things we should not take for granted. He updated that Grant County Community Education with Jill Marksberry's guidance has a new Community Book Read Program and the first book is "Clay's Quilt" by author Silas House. He stated that Mr. House will be in Grant County on March 16<sup>th</sup> to meet people and to discuss his book. He has read the book himself and it is a good book. He encouraged all to read this book in order to ask questions and to participate in the forums to be held when Mr. House comes to the county. He also updated that the Cancer Relay for Life Kickoff will be coming up in the near future and encouraged all to get on board and be involved as we all know someone or have family members who have, or has had, Cancer. He stated that this is a very worthy Cause that all can embrace and participate in and he encouraged all to get involved. He also gave an update on the proposed Judicial Center. He stated that the PDB Board will meet on Thursday and will be interviewing four Architectural firms, and will then hopefully be able to select one and

they can move along with their professional advice in getting a Site Selected for this facility. Then things should move very rapidly over the next few weeks and construction can begin as soon as possible.

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Judge Link reminded Fiscal Court that there would not be a Caucus meeting next week due to the upcoming Holiday, and that the next meeting of the Fiscal Court will be on Monday, January 23, 2006, at 7:00 P.M.

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Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Patricia Conrad it is hereby ordered to Adjourn until Monday, January 23, 2006, at 7:00 P.M.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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